

REMARKS

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Nicholson et al (US Patent 5,713,979) and Hirakawa et al (US Patent 5,679,125), each taken alone. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended to recite a manufacturing technique for the claimed product that is different than taught by the prior art. In claim 12, the temperature range has been limited to a range not taught by the references. The remaining claims depend from and further limit claim 12. The dependent claims correspond roughly to the limitations found in claims 2-8 of US Patent 6,701,752.


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